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Abstract

This document provides a non-proprietary FIPS 140-2 Security Policy for the Java Cryptographic Module.

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1 Introduction

1.1 About FIPS 140

Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 140-2 — Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules specifies requirements for cryptographic modules to be deployed in a Sensitive but Unclassified environment. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and Communications Security Establishment (CSE) Cryptographic Module Validation Program (CMVP) run the FIPS 140 program. The NVLAP accredits independent testing labs to perform FIPS 140 testing; the CMVP also validates test reports for products meeting FIPS 140 validation. *Validated* is the term given to a module that is documented and tested against the FIPS 140 criteria.

More information is available on the CMVP website at <http://csrc.nist.gov/groups/STM/cmvp/index.html>.

1.2 About this Document

This non-proprietary Cryptographic Module Security Policy for the Java Cryptographic Module from Symantec provides an overview of the product and a high-level description of how it meets the security requirements of FIPS 140-2. This document contains details on the module's cryptographic keys and critical security parameters. This Security Policy concludes with instructions and guidance on running the module in a FIPS 140-2 mode of operation.

The Symantec Java Cryptographic Module may also be referred to as the “module” in this document.

1.3 External Resources

The Symantec website (<http://www.symantec.com>) contains information on Symantec products. The Cryptographic Module Validation Program website contains links to the FIPS 140-2 certificate and Symantec contact information.

1.4 Notices

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1.5 Acronyms

The following table defines acronyms found in this document:

| Acronym | Term |
|-------------------|---|
| AES | Advanced Encryption Standard |
| ANSI | American National Standards Institute |
| API | Application Programming Interface |
| CAVP | Cryptographic Algorithm Validation Program |
| CBC | Cipher Block Chaining |
| CCM | Counter with CBC-MAC |
| CFB | Cipher Feedback |
| CMVP | Cryptographic Module Validation Program |
| CO | Crypto Officer |
| CSE | Communications Security Establishment |
| CSP | Critical Security Parameter |
| CTR | Counter |
| DES | Data Encryption Standard |
| DESX | Data Encryption Standard XORed |
| DH | Diffie-Hellman |
| DRBG | Deterministic Random Bit Generator |
| DSA | Digital Signature Algorithm |
| DTR | Derived Testing Requirement |
| EC | Elliptic Curve |
| ECB | Electronic Code Book |
| ECC | Elliptic Curve Cryptography |
| EC Diffie-Hellman | Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman |
| ECDRBG | Elliptic Curve Deterministic Random Bit Generator |
| ECDSA | Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm |
| ECIES | Elliptic Curve Integrated Encryption System |
| EMC | Electromagnetic Compatibility |
| EMI | Electromagnetic Interference |
| FCC | Federal Communications Commission |
| FIPS | Federal Information Processing Standard |
| GCM | Galois/Counter Mode |
| GPC | General Purpose Computer |
| GUI | Graphical User Interface |
| HMAC | (Keyed-) Hash Message Authentication Code |
| JAR | Java Archive |
| JRE | Java Runtime Environment |
| JVM | Java Virtual Machine |
| KAT | Known Answer Test |
| MAC | Message Authentication Code |
| MD | Message Digest |

| | |
|------------|--|
| NIST | National Institute of Standards and Technology |
| NVLAP | National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program |
| OEAP | Optimal Asymmetric Encryption Padding |
| OFB | Output Feedback |
| OS | Operating System |
| PKCS | Public-Key Cryptography Standards |
| PRNG | Pseudo Random Number Generator |
| PSS | Probabilistic Signature Scheme |
| RC | Rivest Cipher |
| RACE | Research and Development in Advanced Communications Technologies in Europe |
| RIPEMD | RACE Integrity Primitives Evaluation Message Digest |
| RNG | Random Number Generator |
| RSA | Rivest, Shamir, and Adleman |
| SEP | Symantec Endpoint Protection |
| SHA | Secure Hash Algorithm |
| SP | Special Publication |
| SSL | Secure Sockets Layer |
| TDEA | Triple Data Encryption Algorithm |
| Triple-DES | Triple Data Encryption Algorithm |
| TLS | Transport Layer Security |
| USB | Universal Serial Bus |

Table 1 – Acronyms and Terms

2 Symantec Java Cryptographic Module

2.1 Cryptographic Module Specification

The module is the Symantec Java Cryptographic Module, which is a software shared library that provides cryptographic services required by Symantec's line of software products. The module is a software-only module installed on a General Purpose Computer running Microsoft Windows 7 (64-bit).

The module is comprised of two components:

1. The Symantec cryptographic module wrapper fully initializes and manages FIPS mode. This includes performing an integrity check, verifying the provider is configured, performing the provider self tests, and reporting status.
2. An embedded validated module (see certificate number 1786) provides cryptographic functions.

All operations of the module occur via calls from the Symantec applications and their respective internal daemons/processes. As such there are no untrusted services calling the services of the module, as APIs are not exposed.

2.1.1 Validation Level Detail

The following table lists the level of validation for each area in FIPS 140-2:

| FIPS 140-2 Section Title | Validation Level |
|--|------------------|
| Cryptographic Module Specification | 1 |
| Cryptographic Module Ports and Interfaces | 1 |
| Roles, Services, and Authentication | 1 |
| Finite State Model | 1 |
| Physical Security | N/A |
| Operational Environment | 1 |
| Cryptographic Key Management | 1 |
| Electromagnetic Interference / Electromagnetic Compatibility | 1 |
| Self-Tests | 1 |
| Design Assurance | 1 |
| Mitigation of Other Attacks | 1 |

Table 2 – Validation Level by DTR Section

2.1.2 Approved Cryptographic Algorithms

The module's cryptographic algorithm implementations have received the following certificate numbers from the Cryptographic Algorithm Validation Program:

| Algorithm | CAVP Certificate |
|--|------------------|
| AES ECB, CBC, CFB (128), OFB (128), CTR - [128, 192, 256 bit key sizes] CCM, GCM | 1911 |
| DSA | 604 |
| Dual EC DRBG (SP800-90) | 160 |
| ECDSA | 271 |
| FIPS 186-2 PRNG (Change Notice General) | 1004 |
| HMAC DRBG (SP800-90) | 160 |
| HMAC-SHA-1 ¹ , HMAC-SHA-224, HMAC-SHA-256, HMAC-SHA-384, HMAC-SHA-512 | 1148 |
| RSA X9.31, PKCS#1 v1.5, PKCS#1 v2.1 (SHA256 – PSS) | 981 |
| SHA-1, SHA-224, SHA-256, SHA-384, SHA-512 | 1678 |
| PBKDF (vendor affirmed) | Vendor Affirmed |
| Triple-DES – ECB, CBC, CFB-, OFB mode | 1243 |

Table 3 – FIPS-Approved Algorithm Certificates²

2.1.3 Non-Approved Cryptographic Algorithms

The module does not implement any non-approved algorithms in FIPS mode; however, Diffie-Hellman is allowed in FIPS mode of operation. The module utilizes the following non-FIPS-approved algorithm implementations only in a non-Approved mode:

- DES
- DESX
- Diffie-Hellman (primitives only)
- EC Diffie-Hellman (primitives only)
- ECIES
- MD2
- MD4
- MD5
- RC2 block cipher
- RC4 stream cipher
- RC5 block cipher
- RSA (encrypt/decrypt)
- RSA Keypair Generation MultiPrime (two or three primes)
- RIPEMD160
- HMAC-MD5

Any protocol or associated cryptographic functions have not undergone any testing by the CAVP and are disallowed in an Approved mode.

The following algorithms are disallowed according to timelines specified in NIST SP 800-131A:

- DSA, DSA2 (PQGen, KeyGen and SigGen; non-compliant less than 112 bits of encryption strength)

¹ Please note that keys that provide a minimum 112 bits of encryption strength are used.

² Some algorithms subject to the algorithm transition in SP 800-131A and FIPS 186-4. Note this implementation has received FIPS 140-2 Level 1 validation 1786: <http://csrc.nist.gov/groups/STM/cmvp/documents/140-1/140val-all.htm#1786>. Also note that the RSA, ECDSA, and DSA algorithms support certain key strengths which are no longer Approved as of January 1, 2014.

- ECDSA, ECDSA2 (KeyGen and SigGen; non-compliant less than 112 bits of encryption strength)
- RSA, RSA2 (KeyGen and SigGen; non-compliant less than 112 bits of encryption strength)

2.2 Module Interfaces

The figure below shows the module's physical and logical block diagram:

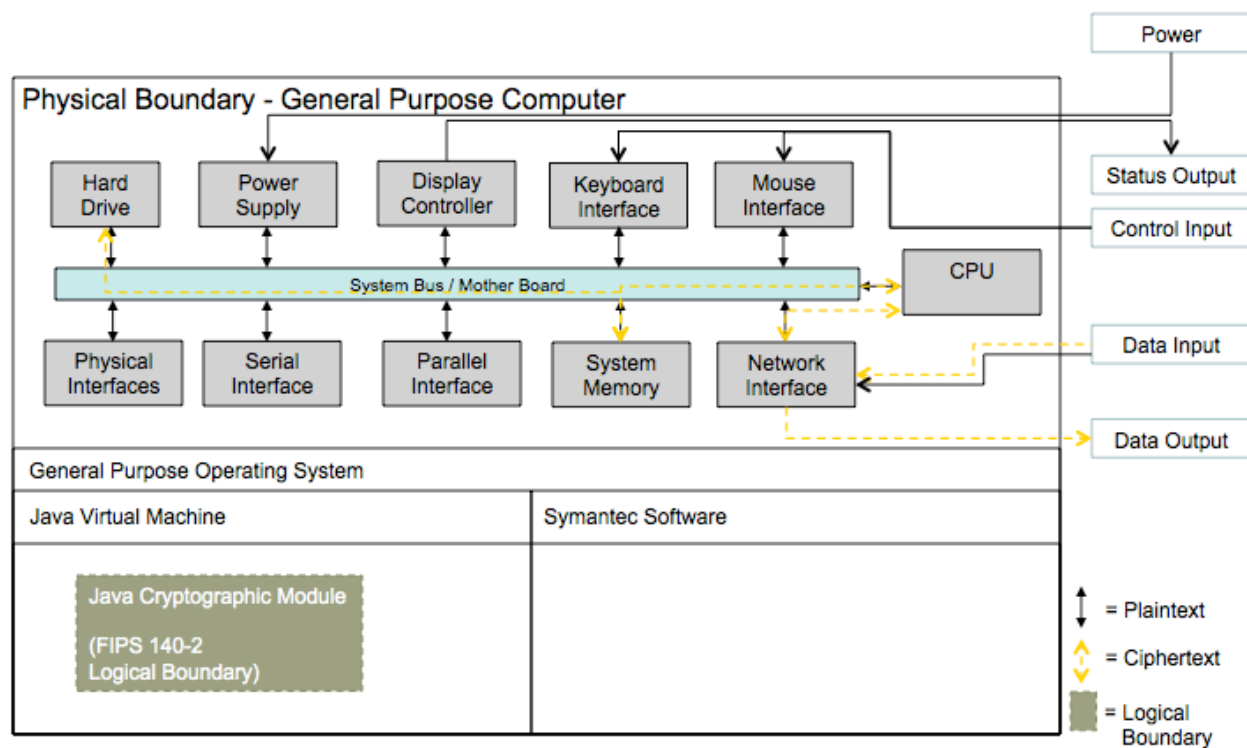


Figure 1 – Module Boundary and Interfaces Diagram

The interfaces (ports) for the physical boundary include the computer keyboard port, CDROM drive, floppy disk, mouse, network port, parallel port, USB ports, monitor port and power plug. When operational, the module does not transmit any information across these physical ports because it is a software cryptographic module. Therefore, the module's interfaces are purely logical and are provided through the Application Programming Interface (API) that a calling daemon can operate. The logical interfaces expose services that applications directly call, and the API provides functions that may be called by a referencing application (see Section 2.3 – Roles, Services, and Authentication for the list of available functions). The module distinguishes between logical interfaces by logically separating the information according to the defined API.

The API provided by the module is mapped onto the FIPS 140-2 logical interfaces: data input, data output, control input, and status output. Each of the FIPS 140-2 logical interfaces relates to the module's callable interface, as follows:

| FIPS 140-2 Interface | Logical Interface | Module Physical Interface |
|----------------------|---|--|
| Data Input | Input parameters of API function calls | USB ports, network ports, serial ports, SCSI/SATA ports, DVD, audio Ports |
| Data Output | Output parameters of API function calls | Display (e.g. VGA, HDMI, DVI, etc.), USB ports, network ports, serial ports, SCSI/SATA ports, audio ports, DVD |
| Control Input | API function calls | USB ports, network ports, serial ports, power switch |
| Status Output | For FIPS mode, function calls returning status information and return codes provided by API function calls. | Display, serial ports, network ports |
| Power | None | Power supply/connector |

Table 4 – Logical Interface / Physical Interface Mapping

As shown in Figure 1 – Module Boundary and Interfaces Diagram and Table 5 – Module Services and Descriptions, the output data path is provided by the data interfaces and is logically disconnected from processes performing key generation or zeroization. No key information will be output through the data output interface when the module zeroizes keys. The module does not output key/CSP information while in an error state.

2.3 Roles, Services, and Authentication

The module supports a Crypto Officer and a User role. The module does not support a Maintenance role.

2.3.1 Operator Services and Descriptions

The services available to the User and Crypto Officer roles in the module are as follows:

| Service | Roles | Input | Output | Key/CSP Access |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|--|-------------------------|--|
| On Demand Self-test | Crypto Officer | None | Status | None |
| Get FIPS140 Context | User | None | Status | None |
| Get seeder | User | None | Seed generator | None |
| Get Default Random Number Generator | User | None | Random Number Generator | None |
| Check FIPS 140-2 Compliance | User | None | Status | None |
| Get State | User | None | Status | None |
| Get Mode | User | None | Status | None |
| Set Mode | User | API call parameter | Status | None |
| Get Role | User | None | Status | None |
| Set Role | User | API call parameter | Status | None |
| Check Latest Self-Test Results | User | None | Status | None |
| Check Mode | User | None | Status | None |
| Configure CRNG | User | API call parameter | None | None |
| Disable library | User | API call parameter | None | None |
| Verify DSA Parameters | User | API call parameter | Status | None |
| Encryption | User | API call parameters, key, plaintext | Status, ciphertext | AES Key Triple-DES Key |
| Decryption | User | API call parameters, key, ciphertext | Status, plaintext | AES Key Triple-DES Key |
| Digital Signature Generation | User | API call parameters, key, message | Status, signature | RSA Private Key DSA Private Key ECDSA Private Key |
| Digital Signature Verification | User | API call parameters, key, signature, message | Status | RSA Private Key DSA Private Key ECDSA Private Key |
| Key Establishment Primitives | User | API call parameters, key | Status, key | RSA Private Key DH Private Key EC Diffie-Hellman Private Key |

| Service | Roles | Input | Output | Key/CSP Access |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Key Generation | User | API call parameters | Status, key/key pair | AES Key Triple-DES Key ECDSA Private Key DSA Private Key RSA Private Key DH Private Key HMAC DRBG Key HMAC with SHA-1 and SHA-2 Keys |
| MAC | User | API call parameters key, message | Status, hash | HMAC DRBG Key HMAC with SHA-1 and SHA-2 Keys |
| Hashing | User | API call parameters, message | Status, hash | None |
| Random Number Generation | User | API call parameters | Status, random bits | FIPS 186-2 PRNG Seed FIPS 186-2 PRNG Seed Key EC DRBG Entropy EC DRBG S Value (Seed Length) EC DRBG init_seed HMAC DRBG Entropy HMAC DRBG V Value (Seed Length) HMAC DRBG Key HMAC DRBG init_seed |
| Zeroization | User | API call parameters | Status | All |

Table 5 – Module Services and Descriptions

2.3.2 Operator Authentication

As required by FIPS 140-2, there are two roles (a Crypto Officer role and User role) in the module that operators may assume. As allowed by Level 1, the module does not support authentication to access services.

2.4 Physical Security

This section of requirements does not apply to this module. The module is a software-only module and does not implement any physical security mechanisms.

2.5 Operational Environment

The module operates on a general purpose computer (GPC) running on a modern version of Microsoft Windows as a general purpose operating system (GPOS). For FIPS purposes, the module is running on Microsoft Windows in single user mode and does not require any additional configuration to meet the FIPS requirements.

The module was tested on the following platforms:

- Microsoft Windows 7 (64-bit) with Sun JRE 6.0

The GPC(s) used during testing met Federal Communications Commission (FCC) FCC Electromagnetic Interference (EMI) and Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) requirements for business use as defined by 47 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 15, Subpart B. FIPS 140-2 validation compliance is maintained when the module is operated on other versions of the Microsoft Windows OS running in single user mode, assuming that the requirements outlined in NIST IG G.5 are met.

Symantec is affirming its compliance as outlined in section G.5 of the Implementation Guidance for FIPS 140-2. Compliance is maintained on platforms for which the binary executable remains unchanged. This includes (but is not limited to):

- Windows XP Professional SP3, x86 (32-bit) with Sun JRE 6.0/7.0,
- Windows XP Professional SP3, x86_64 (64-bit) with Sun JRE 6.0/7.0
- Windows 7, x86 (32-bit) with Sun JRE 6.0/7.0
- Windows 7, x86_64 (64-bit) with Sun JRE 6.0/7.0
- Windows Server 2003 x86 (32-bit) with Sun JRE 6.0/7.0
- Windows Server 2003 x86_64 (64-bit) with Sun JRE 6.0/7.0
- Windows Server 2008 x86 (32-bit) with Sun JRE 6.0/7.0
- Windows Server 2003 x86_64 (64-bit), Sun JRE 6.0/7.0

2.6 Cryptographic Key Management

The table below provides a complete list of Critical Security Parameters used within the module:

| Keys and CSPs | Storage Locations | Storage Method | Input Method | Output Method | Zeroization | Access |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------|
| AES Key | RAM | Plaintext | API call parameter | None | <code>SensitiveData.clear()</code> power cycle | CO: RWD U: RWD |
| Triple-DES Key | RAM | Plaintext | API call parameter | None | <code>SensitiveData.clear()</code> power cycle | CO: RWD U: RWD |
| HMAC with SHA-1 and SHA-2 Keys | RAM | Plaintext | API call parameter | None | <code>SensitiveData.clear()</code> power cycle | CO: RWD U: RWD |
| EC Diffie-Hellman Private Key | RAM | Plaintext | Internally generated | API call parameter | <code>SensitiveData.clear()</code> power cycle | CO: RWD U: RWD |
| ECDSA Private Key | RAM | Plaintext | API call parameter | None | <code>SensitiveData.clear()</code> power cycle | CO: RWD U: RWD |
| DH Private Key | RAM | Plaintext | Internally generated | API call parameter | <code>SensitiveData.clear()</code> power cycle | CO: RWD U: RWD |
| RSA Private Key | RAM | Plaintext | API call parameter | None | <code>SensitiveData.clear()</code> power cycle | CO: RWD U: RWD |
| DSA Private Key | RAM | Plaintext | API call parameter | None | <code>SensitiveData.clear()</code> power cycle | CO: RWD U: RWD |
| FIPS 186-2 PRNG Seed | RAM | Plaintext | Internally generated | None | <code>SensitiveData.clear()</code> power cycle | CO: RWD U: RWD |
| FIPS 186-2 PRNG Seed Key | RAM | Plaintext | Internally generated | None | <code>SensitiveData.clear()</code> power cycle | CO: RWD U: RWD |
| EC DRBG Entropy | RAM | Plaintext | Internally generated | None | <code>SensitiveData.clear()</code> power cycle | CO: RWD U: RWD |
| EC DRBG S Value (Seed Length) | RAM | Plaintext | Internally generated | None | <code>SensitiveData.clear()</code> power cycle | CO: RWD U: RWD |

| Keys and CSPs | Storage Locations | Storage Method | Input Method | Output Method | Zeroization | Access |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------|---|-----------------------|
| EC DRBG init_seed | RAM | Plaintext | Internally generated | None | <code>SensitiveData.clear()</code> power cycle | CO: RWD U: RWD |
| HMAC DRBG Entropy | RAM | Plaintext | Internally generated | None | <code>SensitiveData.clear()</code> power cycle | CO: RWD U: RWD |
| HMAC DRBG V Value (Seed Length) | RAM | Plaintext | Internally generated | None | <code>SensitiveData.clear()</code> power cycle | CO: RWD U: RWD |
| HMAC DRBG Key | RAM | Plaintext | Internally generated | None | <code>SensitiveData.clear()</code> power cycle | CO: RWD U: RWD |
| HMAC DRBG init_seed | RAM | Plaintext | Internally generated | None | <code>SensitiveData.clear()</code> power cycle | CO: RWD U: RWD |

R = Read W = Write D = Delete

Table 6 – Module Keys/CSPs

2.6.1 Key Generation

The module supports the generation of the DSA, RSA, and Diffie-Hellman (DH) and ECC public and Private Keys. The module uses a Federal Information processing Standard 186-2, Digital Signature Standard (FIPS 186-2) Approved random number generator and a FIPS Approved Dual Elliptic Curve Deterministic Random Bit Generator (ECDRBG SP 800-90) and HMAC DRBG for generating asymmetric and symmetric keys. Entropy for use in key generation is gathered by the embedded validated module; various system parameters are collected to suitably account for the strength of the generated key.

Please note that due to the algorithm transition in SP 800-131A and the replacement of FIPS 186-2 with FIPS 186-4, some of the key generation implemented by this module is no longer approved and not allowed in an Approved mode.

2.6.2 Key Entry, Output, and Protection

All keys and CSPs reside on memory internally allocated by the module and can only be output using the exposed APIs. The module does not support key entry or output from the physical boundary. The operating system and the JRE protect the memory and process space from unauthorized access.

2.6.3 Key/CSP Storage and Zeroization

The module does not provide long-term cryptographic key storage. Storage of keys is the responsibility of the user of the module. All keys and CSPs are automatically zeroized by the module at the end of their lifetime. The user can ensure destruction of sensitive data by calling `SensitiveData.clear()`. Power cycling the module will also zeroize keys.

2.7 Self-Tests

The module performs power-up and conditional self-tests to ensure proper operation. If a power-up self-test fails, the module is disabled and throws a `SecurityException`. The module can only leave the disabled state by restarting the Java Virtual Machine. If a conditional self-test fails, the module throws a `SecurityException` and aborts the operation. A conditional self-test failure does not disable the module.

In event of a self-test failure, the module provides the following message: `Could not initialize class com.rsa.jsafe.provider.JsafeJCE.`

The following sections discuss the module's self-tests in more detail.

2.7.1 Power-On Self-Tests

The module implements the following power-on self-tests:

| TYPE | DETAIL |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Software Integrity Check | RSA Digital Signature Verification |
| Known Answer Tests | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AES • DSA (sign/verify) • ECDRBG • ECDSA (sign/verify) • FIPS186 PRNG • HMAC DRBG • HMAC SHA-1 • HMAC SHA-224 • HMAC SHA-256 • HMAC SHA-384 • HMAC SHA-512 • RSA (sign/verify) • SHA-1 • SHA-224 • SHA-256 • SHA-384 • SHA-512 • Triple-DES |
| Pair-wise Consistency Tests | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSA • ECDSA • RSA |

Table 7 – Power-On Self-Tests

Power-on self-tests are executed automatically when the module is loaded into memory.

2.7.2 Conditional Self-Tests

The module implements the following conditional self-tests:

| TYPE | DETAIL |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Pair-wise Consistency Tests | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DSA• ECDSA• RSA |
| Continuous RNG Tests | Performed on all approved and non-approved RNGs |

Table 8 – Conditional Self-Tests

2.7.3 Critical Functions Tests

The module implements the following critical functions tests:

| TYPE | DETAIL |
|--------------------|--|
| Known Answer Tests | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ECIES when operating in FIPS140_ECC_MODE• MD5 and HMAC-MD5 when operating in FIPS140_SSL_MODE• MD5, HMAC-MD5, and ECIES when operating in FIPS140_SSL_ECC_MODE |

Table 9 – Critical Functions Tests

2.8 Mitigation of Other Attacks

As a defense against timing attacks, RSA key operations implement blinding by default. By using the blinding method, it is ensured that the decryption time is not correlated to the input ciphertext; as a consequence, attempts of timing attacks are thwarted. Blinding is implemented through blinding modes with the following available options:

- Blinding mode off
- Blinding mode with no update (the blinding value is squared for each operation)
- Blinding mode with full update (a new blinding value is used for each operation).

3 Guidance and Secure Operation

This section describes how to configure the module for FIPS-approved mode of operation. Operating the module without maintaining the following settings will remove the module from the FIPS-approved mode of operation.

3.1 Initial Setup

The Symantec cryptographic module wrapper fully initializes and manages FIPS mode. This includes performing an integrity check, verifying the provider is configured, performing the provider self tests, and reporting status.

When the module is loaded by the host application, the `FIPSMoDeManager.startFIPSMoDe()` function is called to initialize the module in a FIPS-approved mode of operation. This function checks the integrity of the module, runs all power-up self-tests, and, if successful, sets the module in the `FIPS140_SSL_MODE` by default. The initialization function records the following message to a log file:

```
System running in FIPS 140 mode.
```

The module uses JAR-signing to check the integrity of the module (the consuming application provides the signing certificate for the JARs of the module). Upon failure of either the software integrity test or any of the self-tests, the function throws an exception as status output and disables the library. Additionally, the module logs the following message:

```
FIPS initialization failed, FIPS cryptographic services disabled
```

3.2 Crypto Officer Guidance

3.2.1 Software Packaging and OS Requirements

The module must be installed on a General Purpose Operating System running in single user mode. To configure single-user mode, the following must be disabled:

- Remote registry and remote desktop services
- Remote assistance
- Guest accounts
- Server and terminal services

Contact Microsoft support for configuration details; specific configuration steps are beyond the scope of this document.

3.2.2 Enabling FIPS Mode

No specific configuration is required to enforce FIPS mode beyond the `FIPSMoDeManager.startFIPSMoDe()` function. Status can be verified by calling the `FIPSMoDeManager.isInFIPS140MoDe()` function, which returns true if the module is in a FIPS-Approved mode and false if in a non-Approved mode.

3.2.3 Management Procedures

The Crypto Officer can run the self-tests at any time by calling the `runSelfTests()` function.

3.2.4 Additional Rules of Operation

1. All host system components that can contain sensitive cryptographic data (main memory, system bus, disk storage) must be located in a secure environment.
2. The writable memory areas of the Module (data and stack segments) are accessible only by the calling application so that the Module is in "single user" mode, i.e. only the calling application has access to that instance of the Module.
3. Imported keys should be generated via FIPS-approved manner.
4. The operating system is responsible for multitasking operations so that other processes cannot access the address space of the process containing the Module.
5. The operator must invoke the `SensitiveData.clear()` method before changing the module mode in order to ensure all keys and CSPs are zeroized.

3.3 User Guidance

3.3.1 General Guidance

In order to use the module in FIPS 140 mode of operation, the User must only use the approved algorithms as listed in Table 3 – FIPS-Approved Algorithm Certificates. The requirements for using the approved algorithms in a FIPS 140 mode of operation are as follows:

- The bit-length for a DSA key pair must be 2048 bits.
- Random Number Generators must be seeded with values of at least 160 bits in length.
- HMAC-DRBG random data requests must be less than 219 bits in length.
- Bit lengths for an HMAC key must be one half of the block size.
- EC key pairs must have domain parameters from the set of NIST-recommended named curves (P192, P224, P256, P384, P521, B163, B233, B283, B409, B571, K163, K233, K283, K409, and

K571). The domain parameters can be specified by name or can be explicitly defined. The module limits possible curves for Dual EC DRBG to P-256, P-384, and P-521 in accordance with SP 800-90.

- The module implements both Diffie-Hellman and EC Diffie-Hellman key agreement primitives.
- EC Diffie-Hellman primitives must use curve domain parameters from the set of NIST-recommended named curves listed above. The domain parameters can be specified by name, or can be explicitly defined. When using the NIST-recommended curves, the computed Diffie-Hellman shared secret provides between 80 bits and 256 bits of encryption strength (non-compliant with less than 112 bits of encryption strength).
- When using an Approved RNG to generate keys, the RNG's requested security strength must be at least as great as the security strength of the key being generated.
- If the module power is lost and restored, the calling application can reset the AES GCM IV to the last value used.

Additionally, operators should take care to zeroize CSPs when they are no longer needed.

3.4 Role Changes

If the operator needs to operate the module in different roles, then the operator must ensure that all instantiated cryptographic objects are destroyed before changing from the Crypto User role to the Crypto Officer role. Violating role separation or unauthorized escalation of privilege cannot occur.
